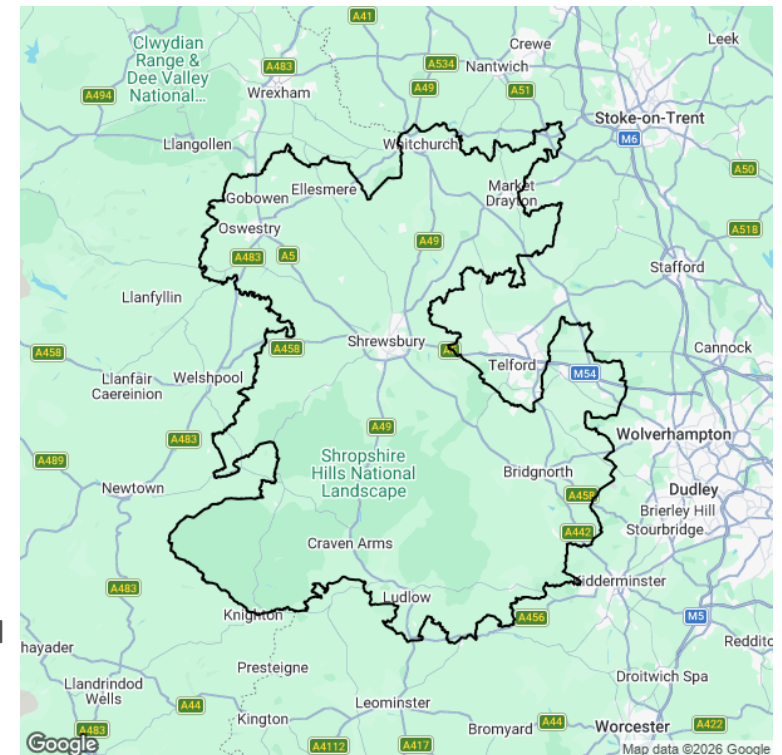


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Alongside data for the “Shropshire Local Authority Area” area, we also display data for the selected comparator areas: West Midlands and England.

At a glance

A quick overview of key data in this Local Insight report for Shropshire Local Authority Area and how it compares to West Midlands and England.

Demographics (Older People)



The overall proportion of people aged 65+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area is 26.41%

This is higher than the proportion of people aged 65+ in West Midlands (18.87%) and higher than the proportion in England (18.73%)

Population (Demographic Summary)



There are 332,455 people in Shropshire Local Authority Area

This is smaller than the population of West Midlands (6,187,204) and smaller than the population of England (58,620,101)

Population (Ethnicity)



94.09% of the population in Shropshire Local Authority Area were born in the UK

This is greater than the proportion in West Midlands (84.83%) and greater than the proportion in England (82.65%)

Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)



2.5% of the population aged 16+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area are Not straight/heterosexual

This is similar to the proportion in West Midlands (2.76%) and lower than the proportion in England (3.43%)

Population (Migration)



In Shropshire Local Authority Area, the proportion of National Insurance numbers issued to people from overseas in 2025 was 0.31%

This is less than the proportion in West Midlands (1.5%) and less than the proportion in England (1.36%)

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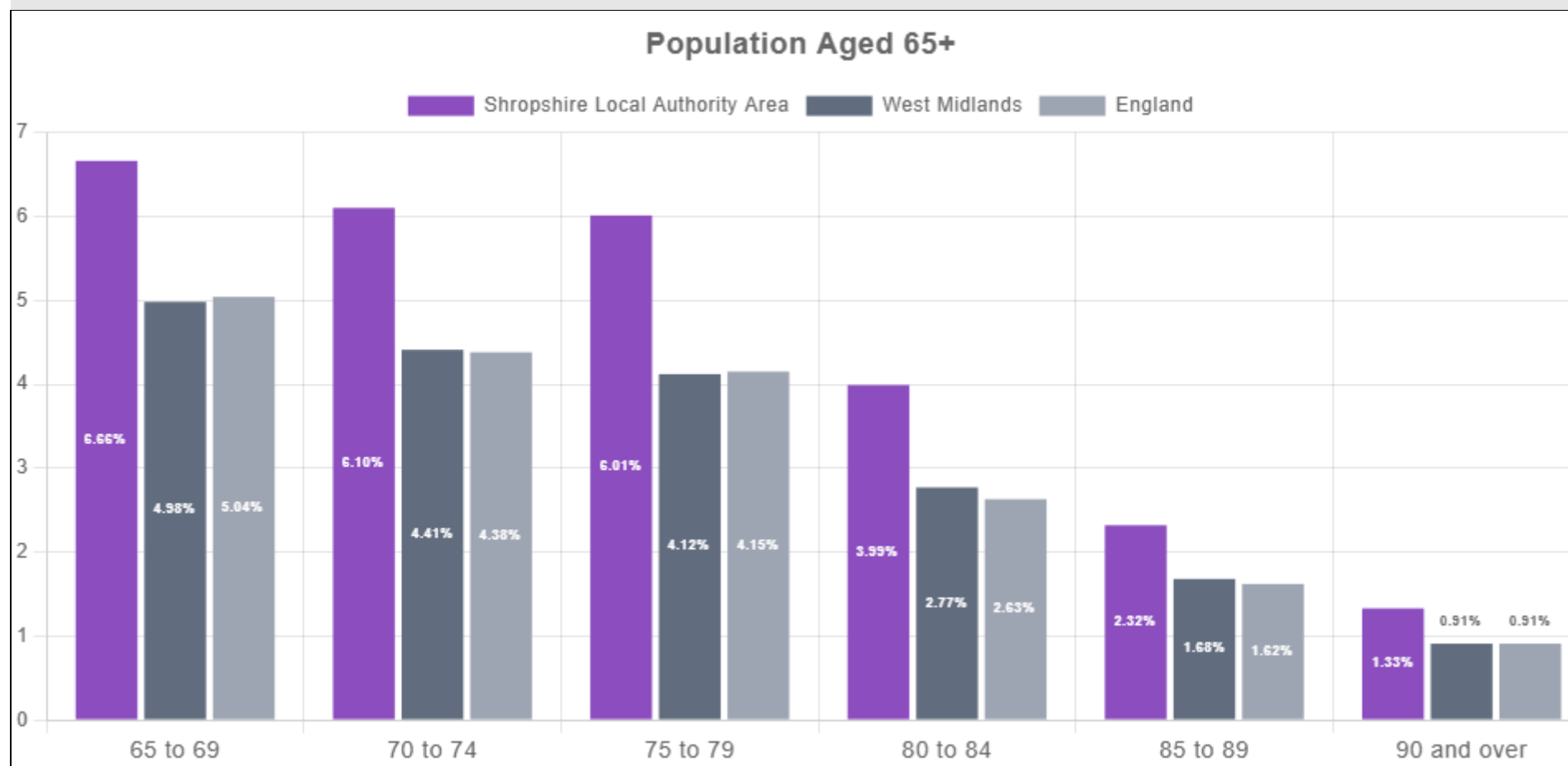
The following data visualisations focus on providing insight into the characteristics of the older population within Shropshire Local Authority Area. By analysing demographic data relating to individuals aged 65 and above, as well as insights into pension credit claimants and vulnerable pensioner households, this selection of indicators shed light on the challenges and opportunities associated with the older population.

Population Aged 65+

The chart below shows the proportion of the total population in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, England who are aged 65+, broken down by 5-year age bands. These population figures are taken from the 2024 Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid Year Estimates.

The overall proportion of people aged 65+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area is 26.41%. This is higher than the proportion of people aged 65+ in West Midlands (18.87%) and higher than the proportion of those aged 65+ in England (18.73%).

Population Aged 65+



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Change in Population Aged 65+

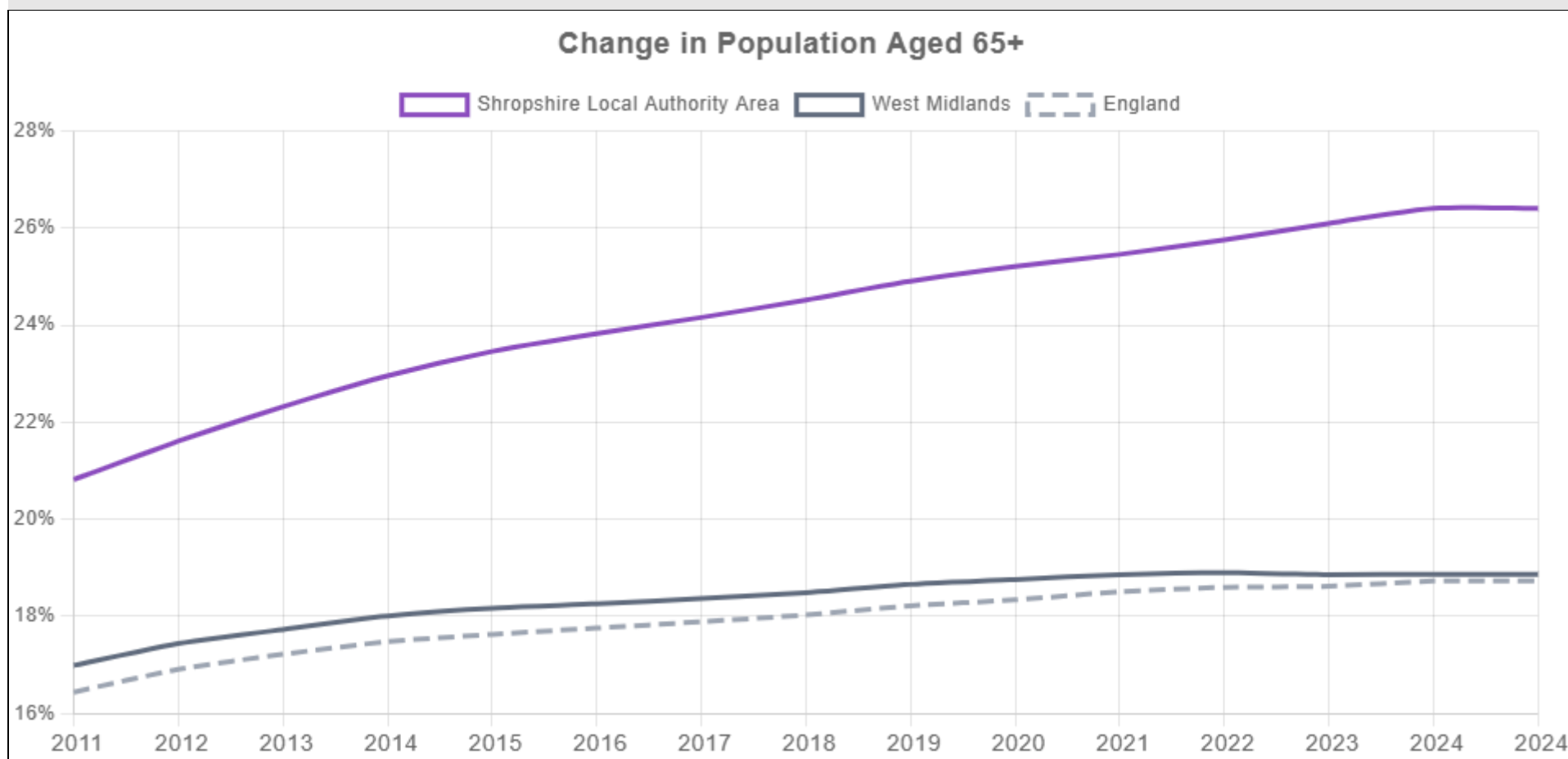
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The chart below shows the change in the percentage of people aged 65+ between 2011 and 2024 in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, England. These population figures are taken from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid Year Estimates and are presented as a proportion of the total population.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area the proportion of the population who are aged 65+ has increased since 2011, changing from 20.82% to 26.41%.

Change in Population Aged 65+



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Pension Credit Claimants

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The boxes below look at the number and proportion of pensioners in poverty in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, and England in Nov-2025. Pensioners in poverty are those in receipt of Pension Credit. Pension Credit provides financial help for people aged 60 or over whose income is below a certain level set by the law. The boxes break down Pension Credit claimants by sex, credit element and relationship status. There are two parts to Pension Credit: Guarantee element (which tops up a weekly income to a minimum amount) and Savings element (a small top-up for people who have a modest amount of income or savings).

6,895 people in Shropshire Local Authority Area are in receipt of Pension Credit. Of these, 4,766 are female and 2,132 are male. The proportion of those aged 65+ receiving Pension Credit in Shropshire Local Authority Area (7.85%) is lower than the proportion of claimants in West Midlands (11.18%) and lower than the proportion of claimants in England (10.74%).

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, a higher proportion of Pension Credit claimants are single (87.32%) compared to those who have a partner (12.68%).

Pension Credit Claimants	Pension Credit Claimants: Female	Pension Credit Claimants: Male
6,895	4,766	2,132
7.85% (West Midlands = 11.18%, England = 10.74%)	69.12% (West Midlands = 67.14%, England = 66.09%)	30.92% (West Midlands = 32.86%, England = 33.91%)

Pension Credit Claimants: Guarantee Element 3,408 49.43% (West Midlands = 56.71%, England = 60.15%)	Pension Credit Claimants: Saving Element 1,077 15.62% (West Midlands = 12.67%, England = 11.5%)	Pension Credit Claimants: Guarantee & Saving Element 2,411 34.97% (West Midlands = 30.63%, England = 28.35%)
Pension Credit Claimants: Single 6,021 87.32% (West Midlands = 87.46%, England = 88.11%)	Pension Credit Claimants: With Partner 874 12.68% (West Midlands = 12.55%, England = 11.89%)	

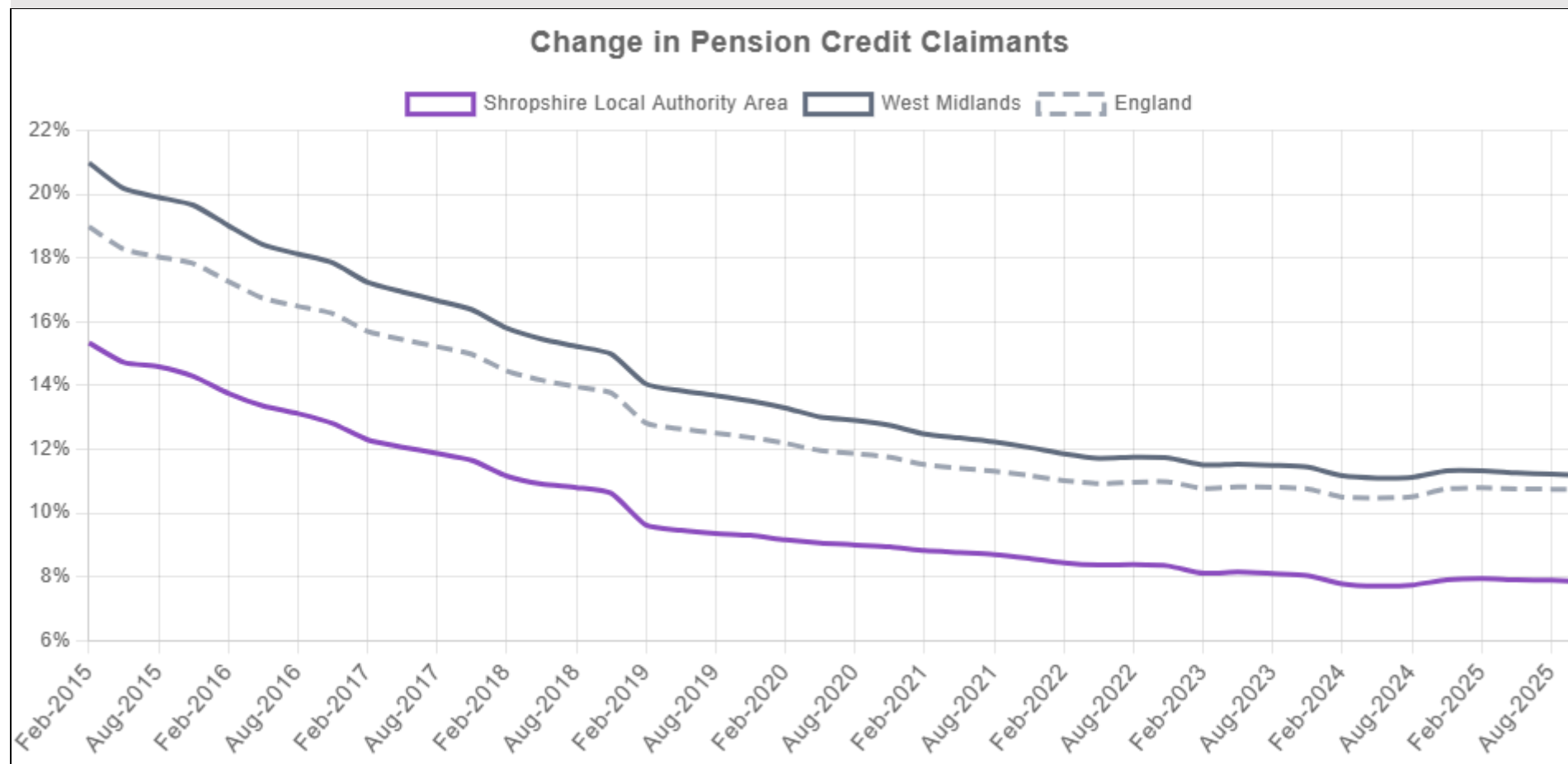
Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP; Nov-2025)

Change in Pension Credit Claimants

The chart below shows a time series of the total percentage of Pension Credit claimants (as a proportion of all those aged 65+), giving insight into how this has changed in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, England between Feb-2015 and Nov-2025.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, the proportion of the population aged 65+ who are claiming Pension Credit has decreased, from 15.34% in Feb-2015 to 7.85% in Nov-2025. This latest figure is lower than the proportion in West Midlands (11.18%) and lower than the proportion in England (10.74%).

Change in Pension Credit Claimants



Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

Vulnerable Pensioner Households

The table below looks at vulnerable pensioner households, including those that may face greater risks or who may have different types of need. Here pensioner loneliness is measured by the proportion of pensioners living alone (defined as households of one pensioner and no other household members). Pensioner vulnerability is also reflected in those with bad/very bad health, a long-term illness and no access to a car/van.

There are 21,475 pensioners living alone in Shropshire Local Authority Area, 15.39% of the population aged 65+ here. This is higher than the proportion in West Midlands (13.09%) and higher than the proportion in England (12.81%).

Additionally, 31,829 pensioners in Shropshire Local Authority Area have bad or very bad health (38.77%). This proportion is lower than the proportion in West Midlands (44.54%) and lower than the proportion in England (42.08%).

One Person Household: Aged 66+	Bad or Very Bad Health: Aged 65+	Limiting Long-term Illness: Aged 65+	No Car or Van: Lone Pensioner Households
21,475	31,829	25,653	8,388
15.39% (West Midlands = 13.09%, England = 12.81%)	38.77% (West Midlands = 44.54%, England = 42.08%)	31.25% (West Midlands = 34.63%, England = 32.83%)	39.06% (West Midlands = 49.18%, England = 49.4%)

Source: Census 2021

Population (Demographic Summary)

The following data visualisations offer insight into the summary demographics of the population. This includes; composition by age bands (both broad and detailed) and sex, population change over time, population density and household composition.

Population Composition

The table below provides insight into the population composition in Shropshire Local Authority Area. These population figures provide detail of the structure of the population by broad age bands and sex. This data is taken from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2024 Mid-Year Population Estimates.

There are 332,455 people in Shropshire Local Authority Area. This is smaller than the population of West Midlands (6,187,204) and smaller than the population of England (58,620,101).

Population Composition						
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Total	332,455	-	6,187,204	-	58,620,101	-
Male	163,657	49.23%	3,052,306	49.33%	28,724,339	49.00%
Female	168,798	50.77%	3,134,898	50.67%	29,895,762	51.00%
0 to 15	52,320	15.74%	1,195,329	19.32%	10,768,248	18.37%
16 to 64	192,339	57.85%	3,824,226	61.81%	36,870,761	62.90%

Population Composition

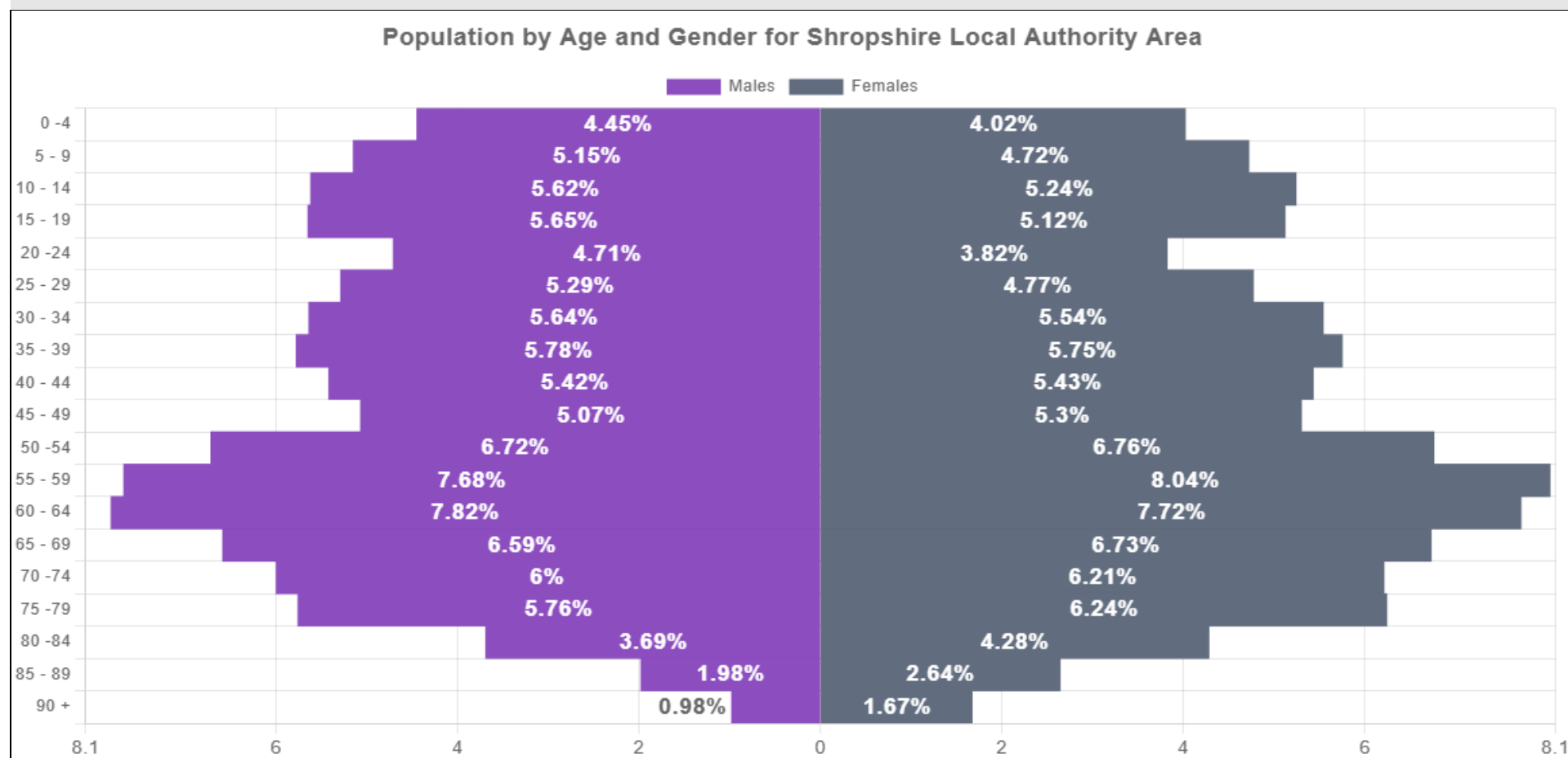
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
65 and over	87,796	26.41%	1,167,649	18.87%	10,981,092	18.73%

Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Population by Age and Gender

The population pyramid below shows how the population in Shropshire Local Authority Area is distributed by age and gender. This data is taken from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) 2024 Mid-Year Population Estimates.

Population by Age and Gender



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

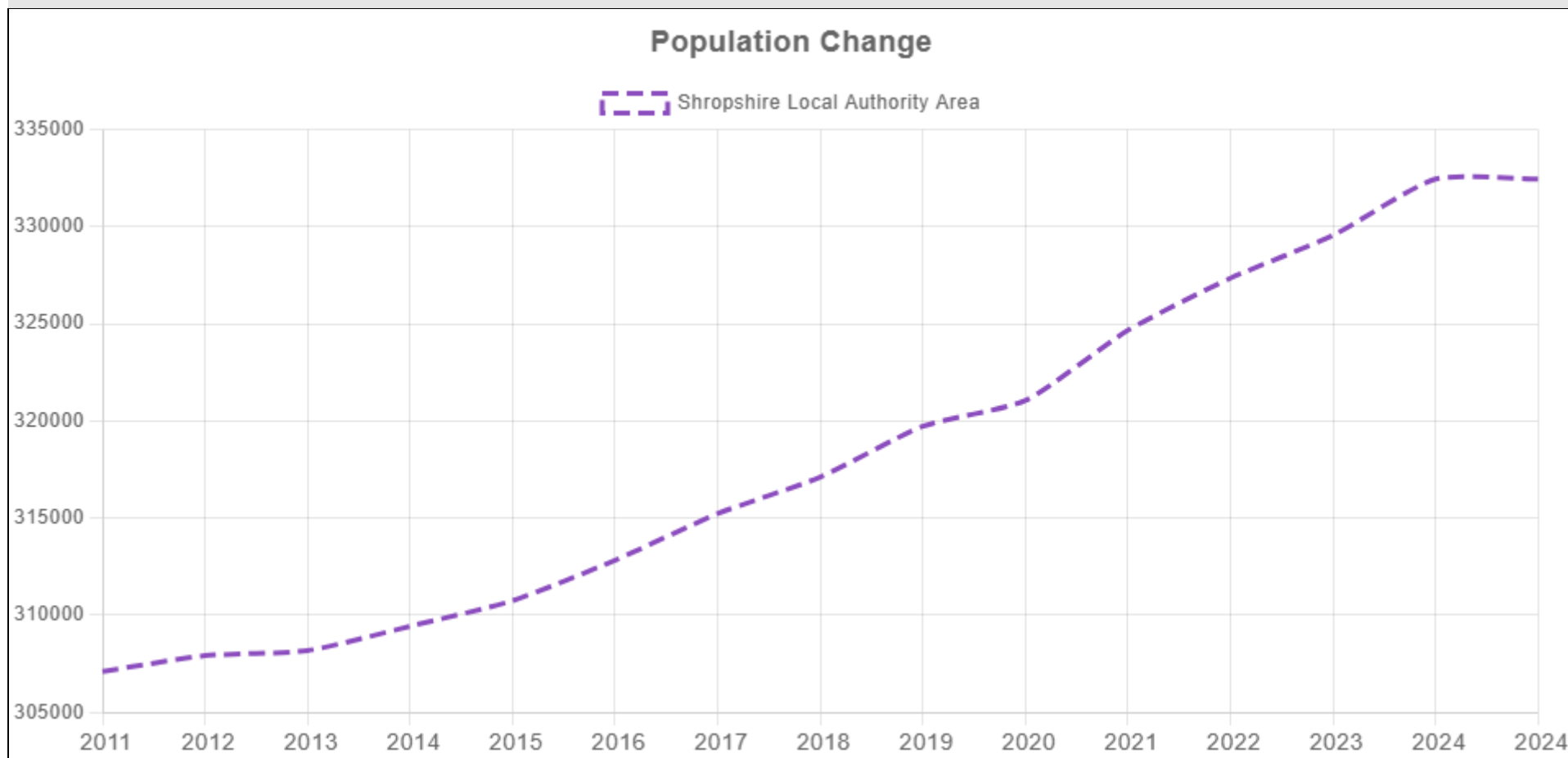
Population Change

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The line chart below shows a time-series of population change since 2011. These population figures are taken from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid-Year Estimates.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area the total population has increased, from 307,108 in 2011 to 332,455 in 2024.

Population Change



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

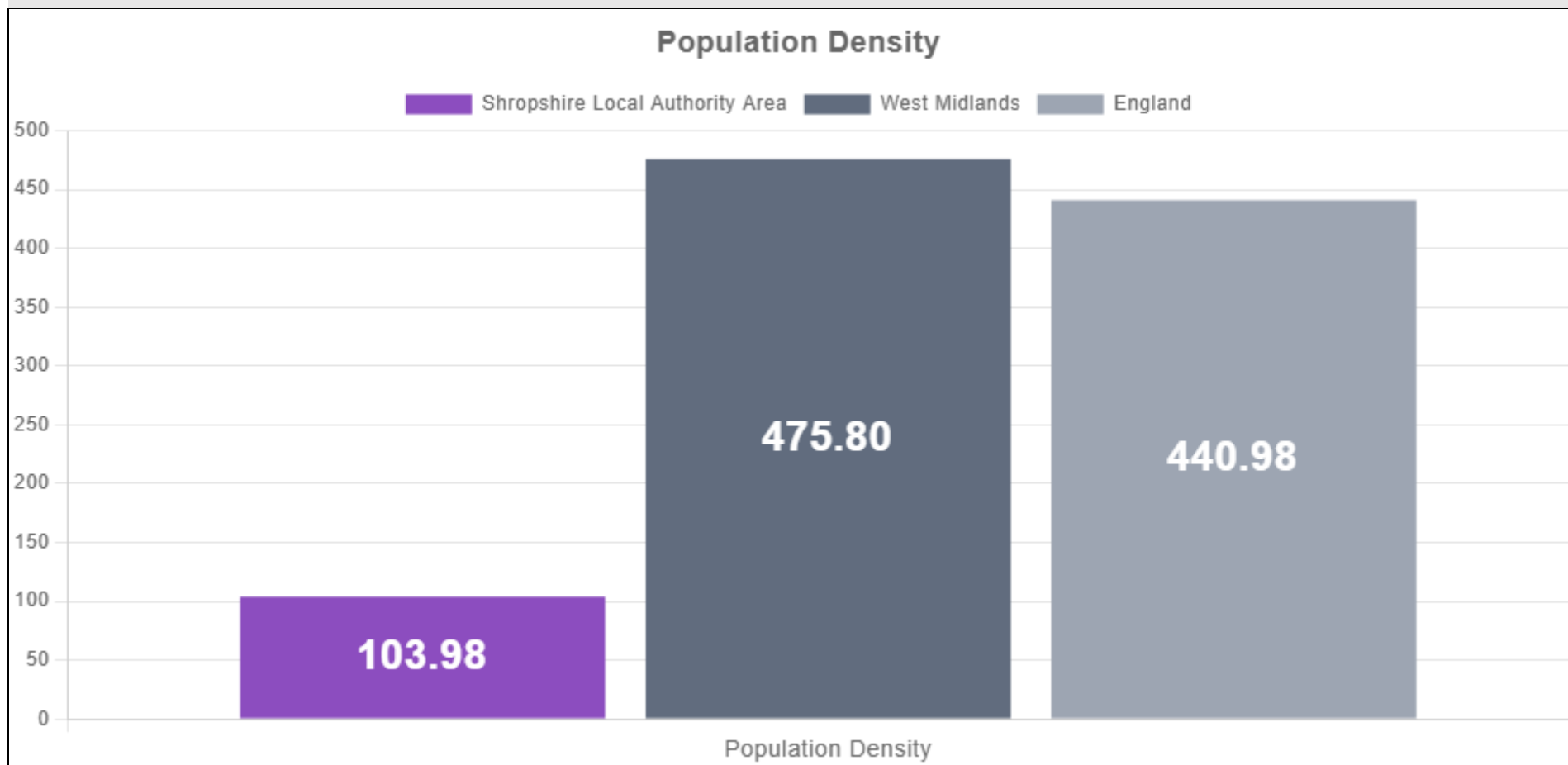
Population Density

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The bar chart below shows population density as person per square kilometre. These population figures are taken from the 2024 Office for National Statistics (ONS) Mid-Year Estimates.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, the population density is 103.98 persons per square kilometre. This is lower than the population density in West Midlands (475.80) and lower than the population density in England (440.98).

Population Density



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

Household Composition

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The table below shows both the count and percentage of different household compositions. Figures are self-reported and taken from the household composition questions in the 2021 Census.

Household Composition						
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
One Person Household: Aged 66+	21,475	15.39%	318,108	13.09%	3,001,789	12.81%
One Person Household: Aged Under 66	19,953	14.30%	407,699	16.78%	4,050,440	17.28%
One Family: All Aged 66+	18,946	13.57%	231,216	9.52%	2,145,278	9.15%
Married/Civil Partnership: No Children	18,297	13.11%	248,508	10.23%	2,440,210	10.41%
Married/Civil Partnership: Dependent Children	17,242	12.35%	345,254	14.21%	3,375,402	14.40%
Married/Civil Partnership: Non-dependent Children	8,526	6.11%	147,651	6.08%	1,314,182	5.61%
Cohabiting Couple: No Children	8,844	6.34%	137,757	5.67%	1,486,961	6.34%
Cohabiting Couple: Dependent Children	6,302	4.52%	115,766	4.77%	1,053,001	4.49%
Cohabiting Couple: Non-dependent Children	1,120	0.80%	18,897	0.78%	169,017	0.72%

Household Composition

Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Lone Parent: Dependent Children	6,880	4.93%	180,039	7.41%	1,617,076	6.90%
Lone Parent: Non-dependent Children	4,795	3.44%	107,166	4.41%	977,825	4.17%
Other Household Types: Dependent Children	2,845	2.04%	72,712	2.99%	630,340	2.69%
Multiple-Family: Dependent Children	2,845	2.04%	72,712	2.99%	630,340	2.69%
Other Household Types: Other (Incl Full-time Students & Aged 66+)	3,798	2.72%	81,110	3.34%	990,594	4.23%

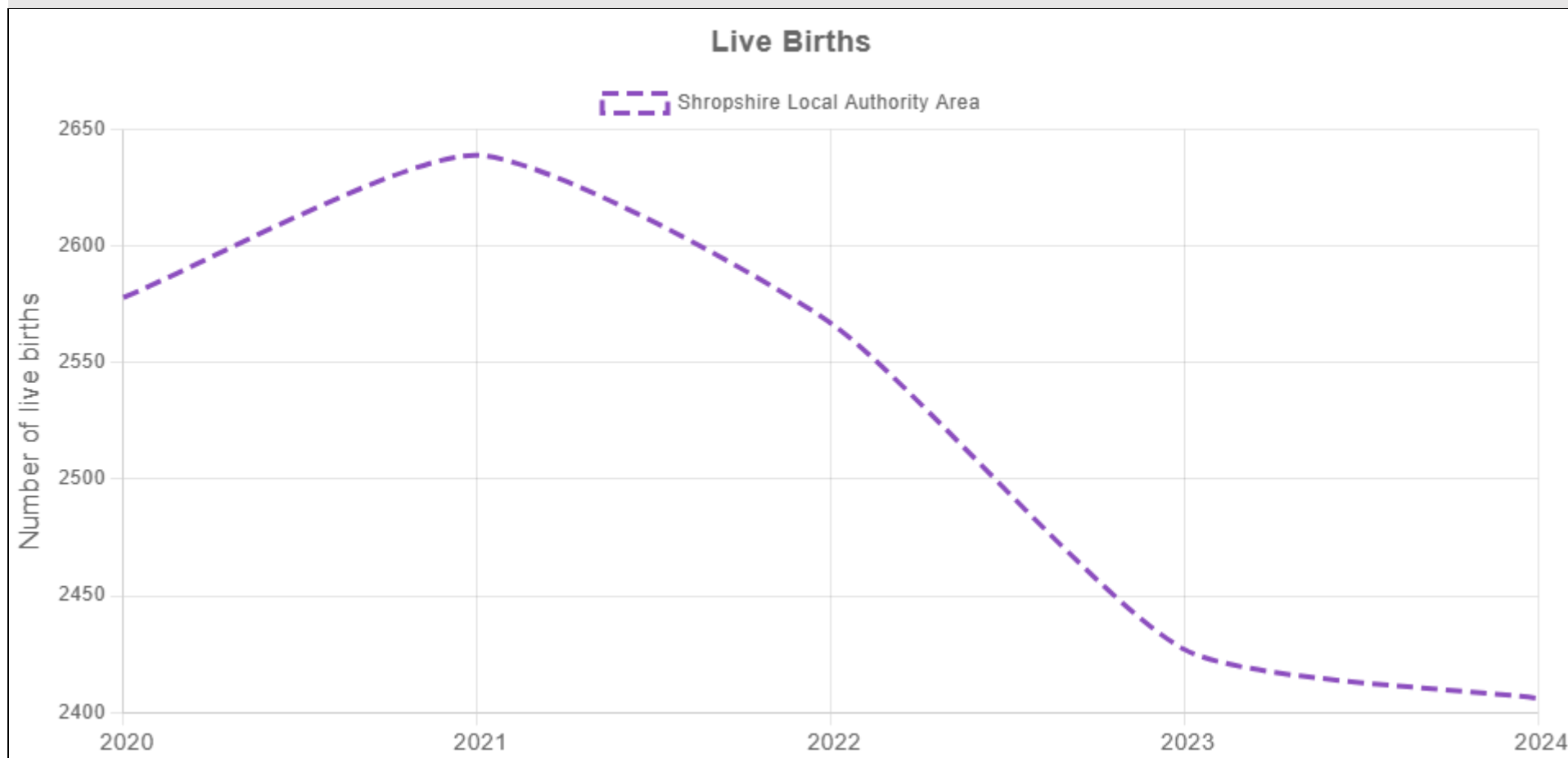
Source: Census 2021

Live Births

The chart below shows the number of live births in Shropshire Local Authority Area between the 2020 and 2024 calendar years. Figures on the number of live births in the local area are drawn from routinely collected birth registration data which cover all births occurring in England and Wales. The postcode of the usual place of residence of the mother is used to allocate data to geographical areas.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, the number of live births has decreased, from 2,578 in 2020 to 2,406 in 2024.

Live Births



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS)

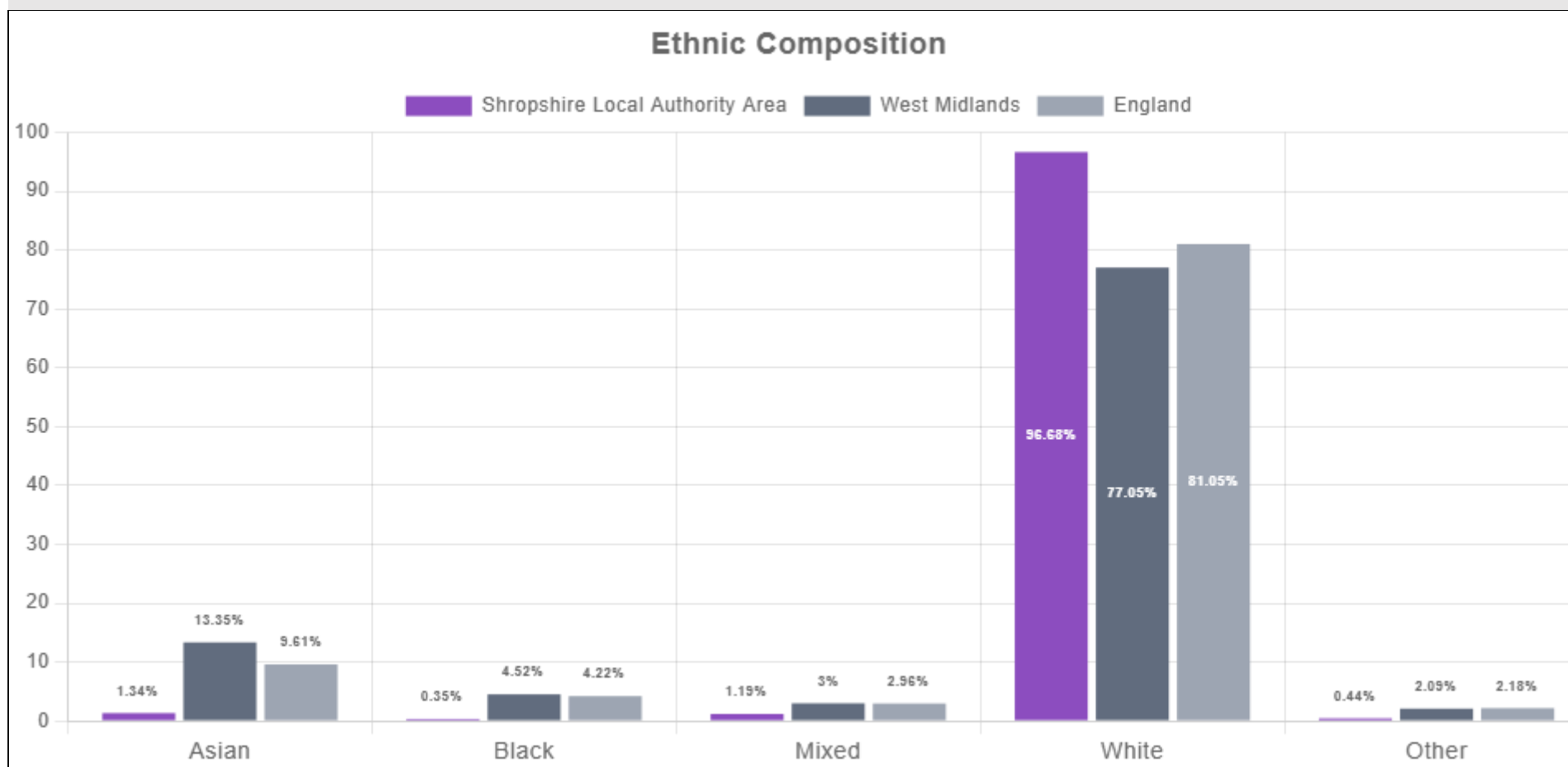
Population (Ethnicity)

The following data is a collection of indicators which provide insight into the ethnicity, religion and birthplace of the population.

Ethnic Composition

The chart below shows the proportion of people by broad ethnic group. This is based on self-responses to each person's perceived ethnic group and cultural background in the 2021 Census.

Ethnic Composition



Source: Census 2021

White British, White non-British and non-White Ethnic Groups

The boxes below show the number and percentage of people in White British, White non-British and non-White ethnic groups. This is based on self-responses to each person’s perceived ethnic group and cultural background in the 2021 Census.

93.3% of Shropshire Local Authority Area's population are White British. This is higher than the proportion in West Midlands (71.85%) and higher than the proportion in England (73.54%).

White British	White non-British	non-White
301,918	10,958	10,731
93.3% (West Midlands = 71.85%, England = 73.54%)	3.39% (West Midlands = 5.2%, England = 7.51%)	3.32% (West Midlands = 22.95%, England = 18.95%)

Source: Census 2021

Household Ethnicity Composition

The boxes below show the composition of household ethnicity based on responses to the ethnicity questions in the 2021 Census.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 65.46% of households share the same ethnic group. This is greater than the proportion in West Midlands (61.58%) and greater than the proportion in England (59.5%).

All Household Members Have the Same Ethnic Group 91,370 65.46% (West Midlands = 61.58%, England = 59.5%)	Different Ethnic Groups Between Generations Only 839 0.6% (West Midlands = 1.79%, England = 1.81%)	Different Ethnic Groups Within Partnerships 4,633 3.32% (West Midlands = 4.59%, England = 5.9%)	Other Combinations of Multiple Ethnic Groups 1,309 0.94% (West Midlands = 2.17%, England = 2.7%)
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Source: Census 2021

Ethnic Minorities

The table below provides further breakdown of ethnicity in the area and shows the number and proportion of people who identify as specific ethnic minority groups.

Ethnic Minorities

Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
White Irish	1,506	0.47%	47,886	0.80%	494,251	0.87%
Gypsy/Traveller	349	0.11%	6,207	0.10%	64,218	0.11%
White Roma	158	0.05%	6,809	0.11%	99,138	0.18%
Other White	8,945	2.76%	248,565	4.18%	3,585,003	6.35%
White/Caribbean	1,126	0.35%	81,193	1.36%	499,310	0.88%
White/African	400	0.12%	16,011	0.27%	241,528	0.43%
White/Asian	1,259	0.39%	46,478	0.78%	474,190	0.84%
Indian	1,614	0.50%	276,030	4.64%	1,843,248	3.26%
Pakistani	443	0.14%	319,165	5.36%	1,570,285	2.78%
Bangladeshi	237	0.07%	77,518	1.30%	629,567	1.11%
Chinese	909	0.28%	33,301	0.56%	431,165	0.76%
African	576	0.18%	146,089	2.46%	1,468,474	2.60%
Caribbean	300	0.09%	90,192	1.52%	619,419	1.10%
Arab	386	0.12%	31,790	0.53%	320,203	0.57%

Source: Census 2021

Birthplace

The table below shows the composition of people in the area by birthplace. This is based on self-reported responses to the country of birth question in the 2021 Census.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 94.09% were born in the UK. This is greater than the proportion of UK born in West Midlands (84.83%) and greater than the proportion of UK born in England (82.65%).

Birthplace						
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
UK	304,471	94.09%	5,048,322	84.83%	46,687,506	82.65%
EU14 Countries	4,361	1.35%	117,983	1.98%	1,578,673	2.79%
EU8 Countries	2,607	0.81%	111,088	1.87%	1,190,391	2.11%
EU2 Countries	2,416	0.75%	66,232	1.11%	677,216	1.20%
Other EU	322	0.10%	5,520	0.09%	105,486	0.19%
Europe: Non-EU Countries	818	0.25%	24,834	0.42%	491,064	0.87%
Africa	2,235	0.69%	132,413	2.23%	1,555,856	2.75%
Middle East & Asia	4,140	1.28%	382,278	6.42%	3,241,701	5.74%
Americas & Caribbean	1,443	0.45%	51,874	0.87%	773,377	1.37%
Antarctica & Oceania	745	0.23%	7,446	0.13%	168,004	0.30%

Birthplace

Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
British Overseas	49	0.02%	2,769	0.05%	20,775	0.04%

Source: Census 2021

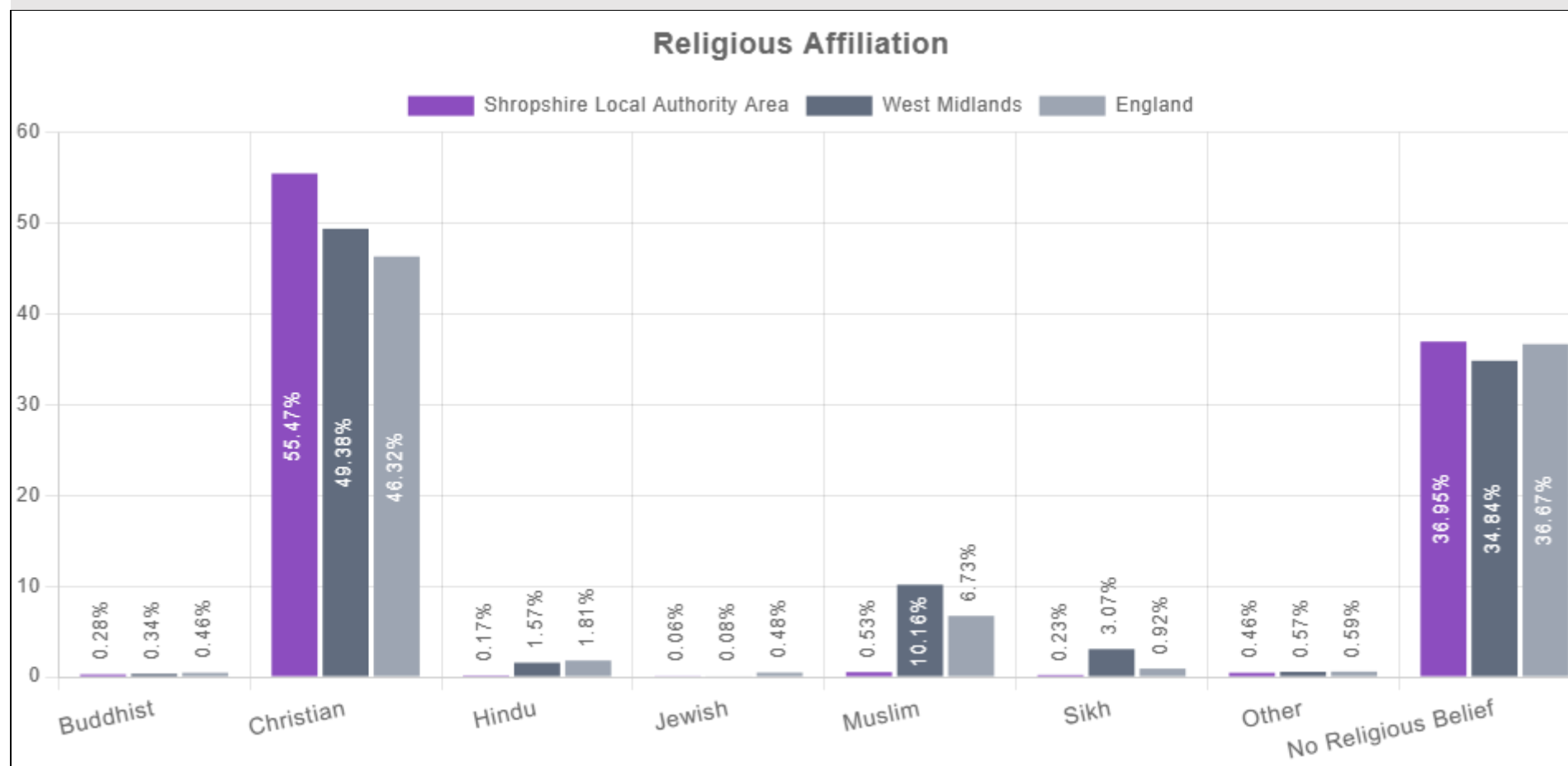
Religious Affiliation

The chart below shows population composition by religious affiliation. This information was created from responses to the religion question in the 2021 Census.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 36.95% of the population has no religious belief. This is greater than the proportion with no religious belief in West Midlands (34.84%) and similar to the proportion with no religious belief in England (36.67%).

Note: The rate has been calculated as a proportion of all people who replied to this question (those who have not answered are excluded).

Religious Affiliation



Source: Census 2021

Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)

The following data visualisations offer an insight into how people self-report their sexual orientation and gender identity.

Sexual Orientation

The table below classifies residents aged 16 years and over in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, England by how they self-reported their sexual orientation in the 2021 Census.

The sexual orientation question in the 2021 Census was voluntary. Whilst the ONS predominantly present these figures as a proportion of the overall population, the table below uses only people who responded to the sexual orientation question as the denominator. These indicators therefore represent the sexual orientation breakdowns as a proportion of all who responded to this question. This provides additional value as the response rate to this question can vary considerably across local areas.

2.5% of the population aged 16+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area are Not straight/heterosexual. This is similar to the proportion in West Midlands (2.76%) and lower than the proportion in England (3.43%).

Sexual Orientation			
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area	West Midlands	England
Straight/Heterosexual	97.50%	97.24%	96.57%
Not Straight/Heterosexual	2.50%	2.76%	3.43%
Gay/Lesbian	1.26%	1.31%	1.67%
Bisexual	1.03%	1.15%	1.39%

Sexual Orientation

Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area	West Midlands	England
Other	0.20%	0.30%	0.37%

Source: Census 2021

Gender Identity

The table below classifies residents aged 16 years and over in Shropshire Local Authority Area, West Midlands, England by how they self-reported their gender identity in the 2021 Census.

The gender identity question in the 2021 Census was voluntary. Whilst the ONS predominantly present these figures as a proportion of the overall population, the table below uses only people who responded to the gender identity question as the denominator. These indicators therefore represent the gender identity breakdowns as a proportion of all who responded to this question. This provides additional value as the response rate to this question can vary considerably across local areas.

NOTE: The British Sociological Society [argue](#) at these results are implausible with regard to geography, language, education, ethnicity, and religion. The results contradict data on referrals to gender clinics and signatures on a pro-transgender petition. The results are also internally inconsistent when the various categories of gender identity are correlated across localities, and when compared with sexual orientation. The question evidently confused a substantial number of respondents who erroneously declared their gender identity to differ from their natal sex. Confusion is manifested in the overrepresentation of people lacking English proficiency in the most suspect gender categories. Results should therefore be interpreted with caution.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 0.12% of all people who responded to the gender identity question reported an identity different from the sex they were registered with at birth (but with no specific identity given). This is lower than the proportion in West Midlands (0.28%) and lower than the proportion in England (0.26%).

Gender Identity			
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area	West Midlands	England
Same as Birth	99.70%	99.43%	99.42%
Different From Birth: No Specific Identity	0.12%	0.28%	0.26%
Trans Woman	0.06%	0.10%	0.11%
Trans Man	0.06%	0.11%	0.11%
Other Identities	0.06%	0.08%	0.11%
Source: Census 2021			

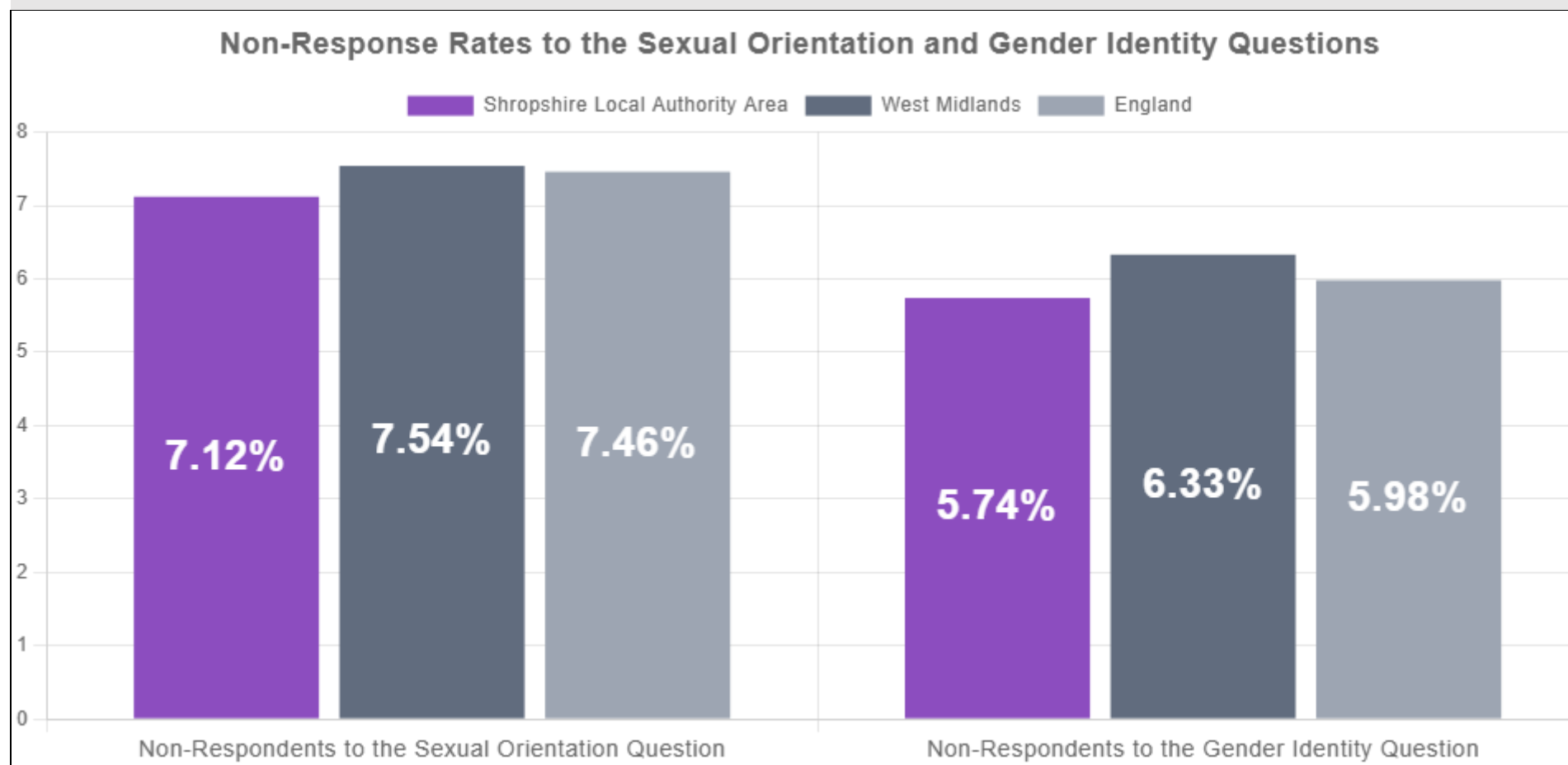
Non-Response Rates

As explained above, the questions relating to sexual orientation and gender identity in the 2021 Census were voluntary. The chart below gives more insight into these figures by showing the proportion of all people aged 16+ who did not respond to these questions. This can provide useful context as there are a multitude of possible driving factors behind non-response rates, which are not necessarily related to sexual orientation and gender identity.

7.12% of all people aged 16+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area did not respond to the sexual orientation question. This is similar to the proportion in West Midlands (7.54%) and similar to the proportion in England (7.46%).

5.74% of all people aged 16+ in Shropshire Local Authority Area did not respond to the gender identity question. This is lower than the proportion in West Midlands (6.33%) and similar to the proportion in England (5.98%).

Non-response rates to the sexual orientation and gender identity questions



Source: Census 2021

Population (Migration)

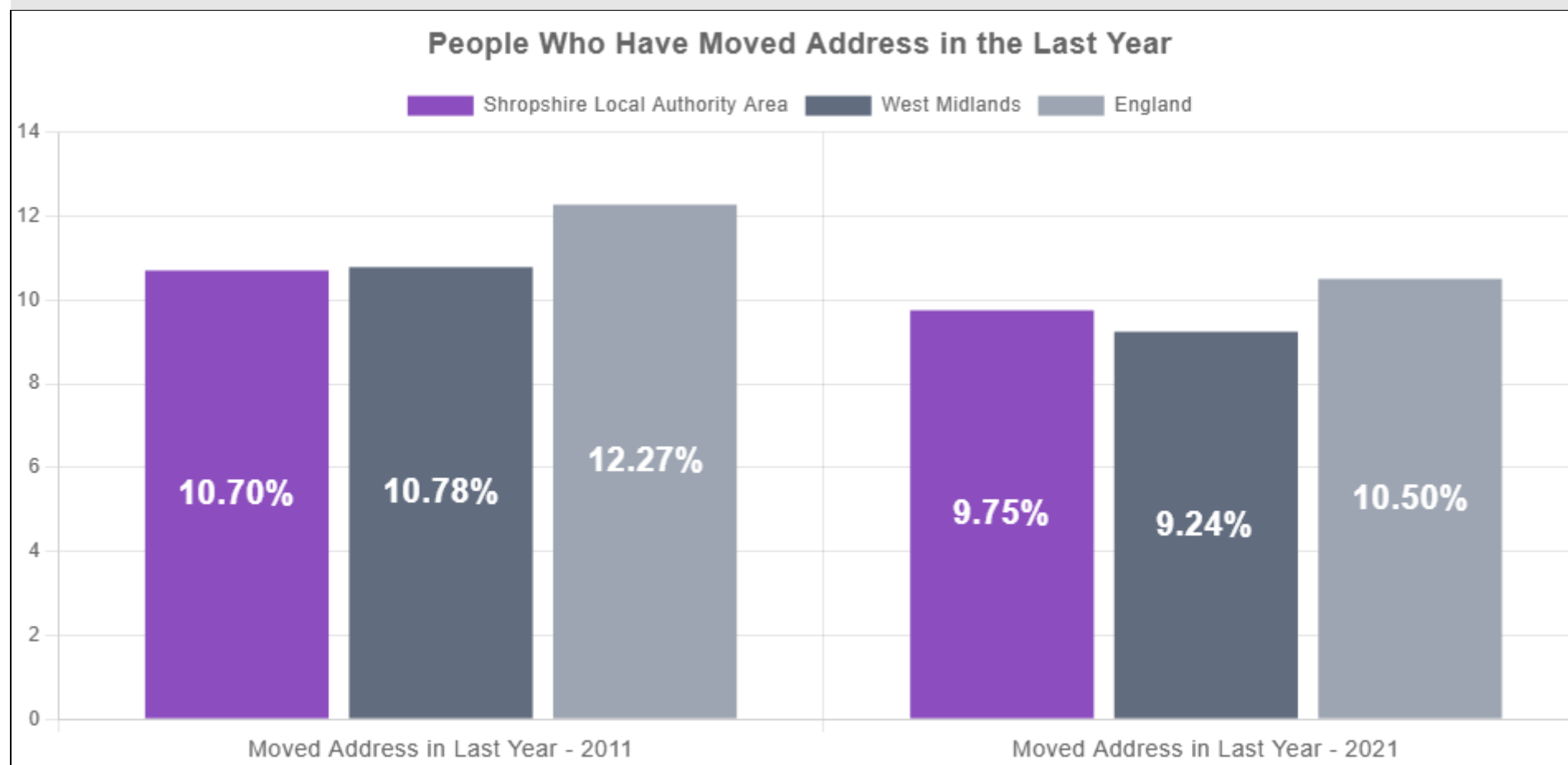
The following data visualisations offer insight into measures related to migration. This includes; number of migrants, residency length, passport holder status, national insurance numbers issued, and English language capabilities.

People Who Have Moved Address in the Last Year

The chart below shows the number and proportion of migrants in the local area. The information is taken from 2011 and 2021 Censuses. Here a migrant is defined as a person with a different address one year before the Census to that on Census Day. The migrant status for children aged under one in households is determined by the migrant status of their next of kin.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area the proportion of migrants has decreased since 2011, from 10.7% to 9.75%.

People Who Have Moved Address in the Last Year

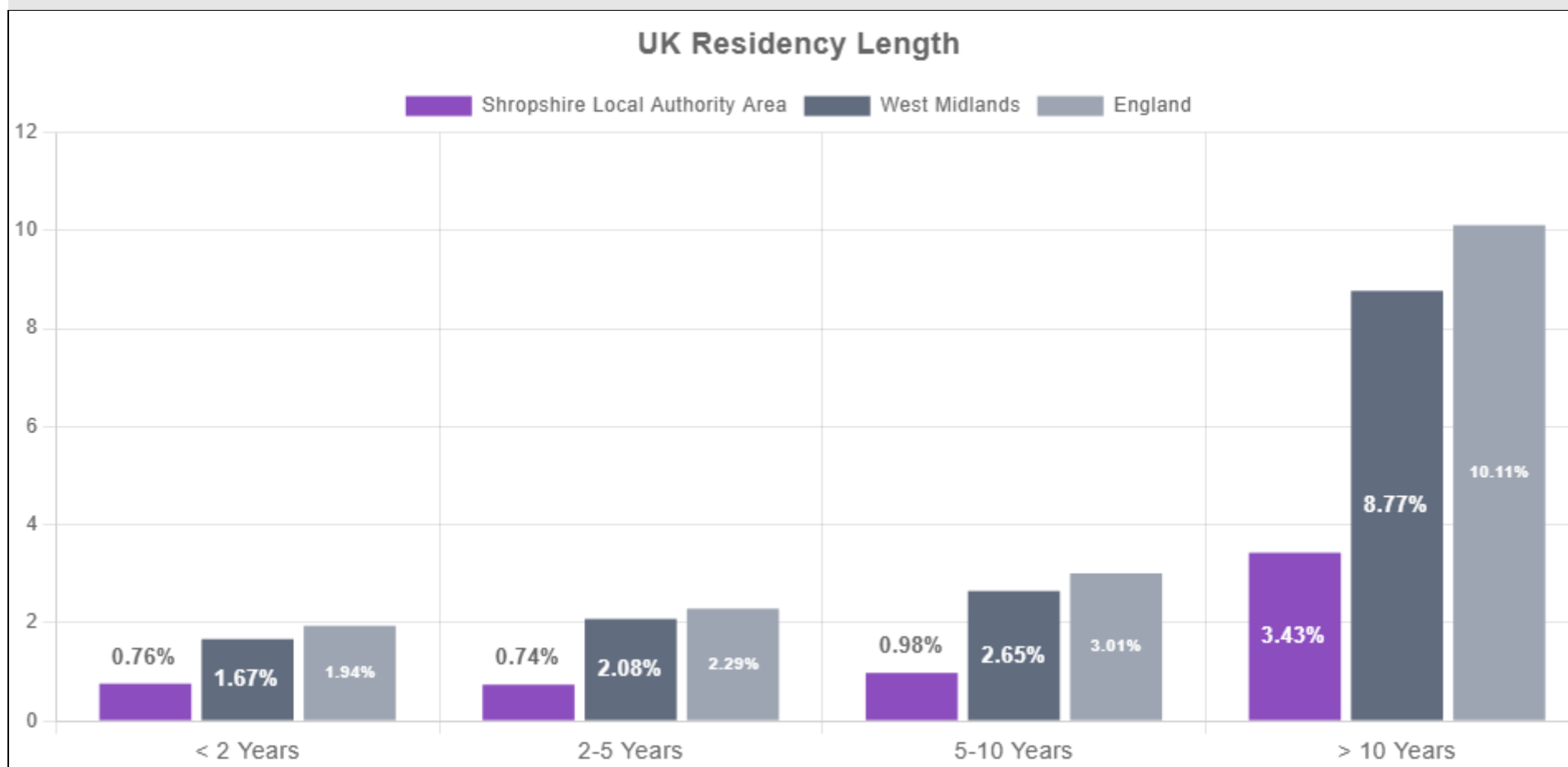


Source: Census 2011/2021

Residency Length

The bar chart below shows the population composition by residency length. It is the proportion of people who have migrated to the UK from other countries (international migrants). Figures are self-reported from the 2021 Census.

UK Residency Length



Source: Census 2021

Passport Holder Status

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The chart below shows the population composition by passport holder status.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 18.29% of the population do not have a passport. This is greater than the proportion without passports in West Midlands with 16.2% and greater than the proportion without passports in England with 13.16%.

Passport Holder Status						
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
No Passport	59,201	18.29%	964,145	16.20%	7,436,503	13.16%
UK Passport	253,138	78.22%	4,466,758	75.06%	43,288,686	76.63%
Republic of Ireland Passport	1,098	0.34%	30,152	0.51%	354,924	0.63%
EU Passport	7,161	2.21%	304,801	5.12%	3,447,188	6.10%
Non-EU Passport	251	0.08%	11,532	0.19%	168,982	0.30%
African Passport	468	0.14%	36,813	0.62%	370,155	0.66%
Middle East & Asian Passport	1,556	0.48%	118,481	1.99%	1,052,326	1.86%
North American & Caribbean Passport	406	0.13%	11,638	0.20%	199,308	0.35%
Antarctica & Oceania Passport	258	0.08%	2,701	0.05%	75,389	0.13%

Passport Holder Status

Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
British Overseas Territories Passport	1	0.00%	93	0.00%	629	0.00%

Source: Census 2021

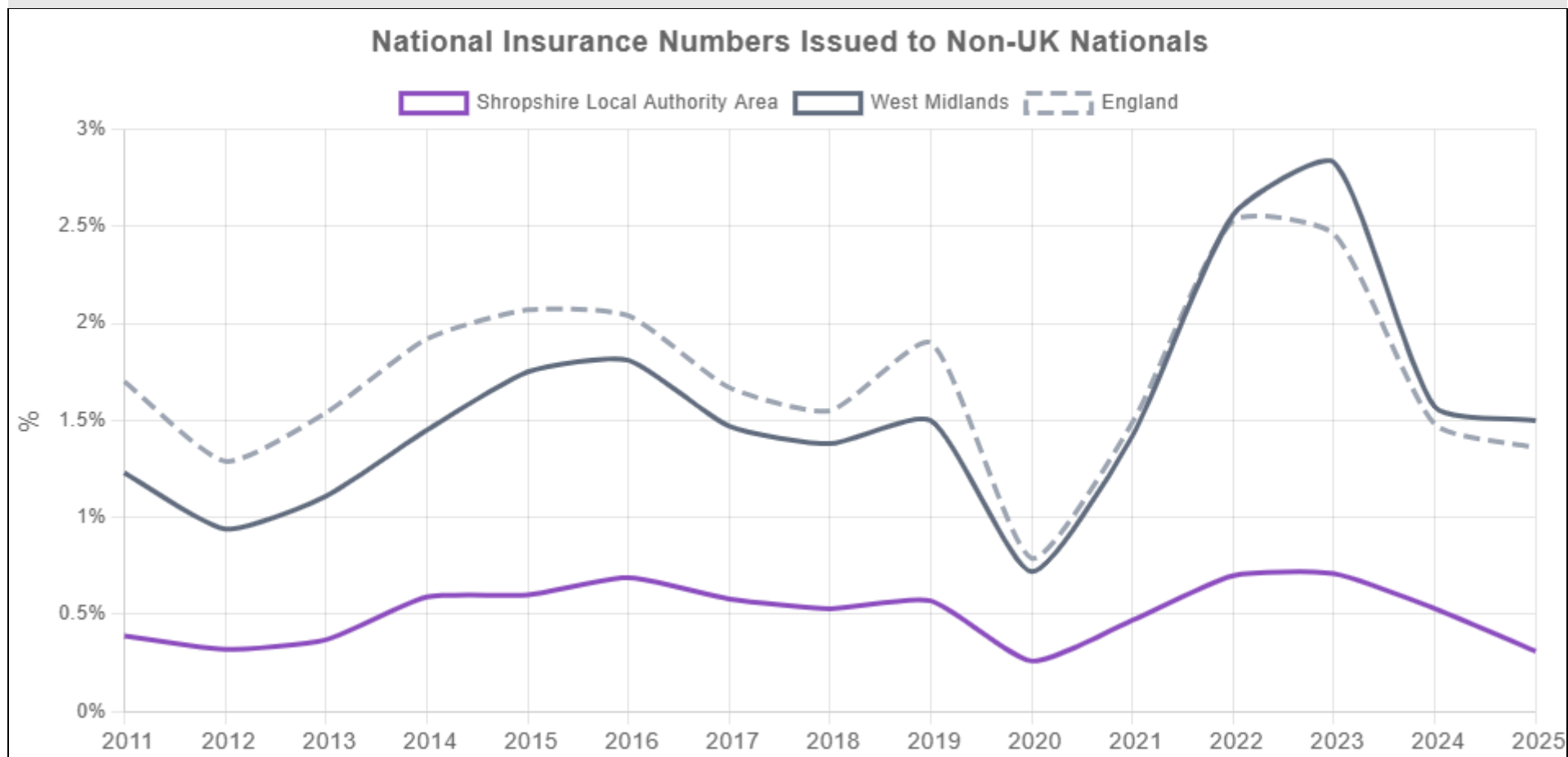
National Insurance Numbers Issued

The line chart below shows the proportion of people registering with a National Insurance number who have come from overseas since 2011.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, the proportion of National Insurance numbers issued to people from overseas in 2025 was 0.31%. This is less than the proportion in West Midlands (1.5%) and less than the proportion in England (1.36%).

Note: For the years 2020 & 2021 The process was disrupted as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic causing a significant reduction in the number allocated.

National Insurance Numbers Issued to Non-UK Nationals



Source: Department for Work and Pensions (DWP)

English as a Main Language

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The boxes below show the percentage of households where not everyone speaks English as a main language. It aims to classify households by the combination of adults and children within a household that have English as a main language.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 1.35% of households have no people that have English as a main language within them. This is less than the proportion in West Midlands with 4.85% and less than the proportion in England with 5.02%.

No People in Household have English as a Main Language 1,887 1.35% (West Midlands = 4.85%, England = 5.02%)	At Least One Person in Household (Aged 16+) Has English as a Main Language 1,761 1.26% (West Midlands = 4.37%, England = 4.34%)	No Adults, but One Person Aged 3-15 Has English as a Main Language 431 0.31% (West Midlands = 1.35%, England = 1.38%)
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Source: Census 2021

English Proficiency

The table below provides insight into the different levels of English proficiency of people aged three and over whose main language is not English. Figures are self-reported and taken from the English language proficiency questions in the 2021 Census.

In Shropshire Local Authority Area, 0.45% of people without English as their main language cannot speak English at all. This is less than the proportion in West Midlands with 1.86% that cannot speak English and less than the proportion in England with 1.57% that cannot speak English.

English Proficiency						
Indicator	Shropshire Local Authority Area		West Midlands		England	
	Count	Rate	Count	Rate	Count	Rate
Can Speak English Very Well	3,582	1.14%	197,094	3.43%	2,212,300	4.05%
Can Speak English Well	2,938	0.93%	193,368	3.36%	1,803,439	3.30%
Cannot Speak English Well	312	0.10%	20,974	0.36%	156,892	0.29%
Cannot Speak English	1,425	0.45%	107,188	1.86%	861,288	1.57%
Source: Census 2021						

Appendix: Data sources

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 65 to 69	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 70 to 74	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 75 to 79	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 80 to 84	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 85 to 89	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 90 and over	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Demographics (Older People)	Population aged 65 and over	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2011)
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Female	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Male	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Guarantee Element	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Saving Element	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Guarantee & Saving Element	
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: Single	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP; Nov-2025)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Demographics (Older People)	Pension Credit Claimants: With Partner	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP; Nov-2025)
Demographics (Older People)	Pensioners in poverty (Pension Credit)	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (Feb-2015)
Demographics (Older People)	One Person Household: Aged 66+	Census 2021
Demographics (Older People)	Bad or Very Bad Health: Aged 65+	Census 2021
Demographics (Older People)	Limiting Long-term Illness: Aged 65+	Census 2021
Demographics (Older People)	No Car or Van: Lone Pensioner Households	Census 2021
Population (Demographic Summary)	Total population estimate	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Population aged 0 to 15	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Population aged 16 to 64	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Population aged 65 and over	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 0 to 4	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 0 to 4	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 5 to 9	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 5 to 9	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 10 to 14	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 10 to 14	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 15 to 19	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 15 to 19	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 20 to 24	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 20 to 24	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 25 to 29	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 25 to 29	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 30 to 34	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 30 to 34	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 35 to 39	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 35 to 39	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 40 to 44	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 40 to 44	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 45 to 49	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 45 to 49	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 50 to 54	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 50 to 54	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 55 to 59	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 55 to 59	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 60 to 64	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 60 to 64	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 65 to 69	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 65 to 69	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 70 to 74	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 70 to 74	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 75 to 79	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 75 to 79	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 80 to 84	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 80 to 84	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 85 to 89	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 85 to 89	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Male population aged 90 and over	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Female population aged 90 and over	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Total population estimate	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2011)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Population density (persons per sq/km)	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (2024)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One person household: Aged 66 years and over (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One person household: Aged under 66 (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: All aged 66 and over (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: No children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: Dependent children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Married or same-sex civil partnership couple: All children non-dependent (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Cohabiting couple: No children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Cohabiting couple: Dependent children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Cohabiting couple: All children non-dependent (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Lone parent: Dependent children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	One family only: Lone parent: All children non-dependent (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Other household types: With dependent children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Multiple-family household: With dependent children (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Demographic Summary)	Other household types: Other, including all full-time students and all aged 66 years and over (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Demographic Summary)	Live births	Office for National Statistics (ONS) (link) (2020)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in Asian ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in Black ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in Mixed ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in White ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in Other (inclusive of Arabs) ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	White British	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	White non-British	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	non-White	Census 2021

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Ethnicity)	All Household Members Have the Same Ethnic Group	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	Different Ethnic Groups Between Generations Only	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	Different Ethnic Groups Within Partnerships	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	Other Combinations of Multiple Ethnic Groups	Census 2021
Population (Ethnicity)	White Irish (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	White Gypsy or Irish Traveller (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	White Roma (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	White Other (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Mixed White and Black Caribbean (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Ethnicity)	Mixed White and Black African (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Mixed White and Asian (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Indian (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Pakistani (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Bangladeshi (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Chinese (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Black African (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Black Caribbean (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	People in Arab ethnic group (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in the UK (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in EU14 countries (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in EU8 countries (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in EU2 countries (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in other EU countries (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in Europe: Non-EU countries (2021 Census) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in Africa (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in Middle East and Asia (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in the Americas and the Caribbean (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Ethnicity)	Born in Antarctica and Oceania (including Australasia) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	British Overseas (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Buddhist (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Christian (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Hindu (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Jewish (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Muslim (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Sikh (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Ethnicity)	Other religion (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Ethnicity)	People with no religious belief (% of all respondents) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Straight or Heterosexual (as a % of all responding to the sexual orientation question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Not Straight or Heterosexual (as a % of all responding to the sexual orientation question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Gay or Lesbian (as a % of all responding to the sexual orientation question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Bisexual (as a % of all responding to the sexual orientation question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	All other sexual orientations (as a % of all responding to the sexual orientation question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Gender identity the same as sex registered at birth (as a % of all responding to the gender identity question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Gender identity different from sex registered at birth but no specific identity given (as a % of all responding to the gender identity question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Trans woman (as a % of all responding to the gender identity question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Trans man (as a % of all responding to the gender identity question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	All other gender identities (as a % of all responding to the gender identity question) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Non respondents to the sexual orientation question (as a % of all aged 16+) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Gender and Sexual Orientation)	Non respondents to the gender identity question (as a % of all aged 16+) (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	People who have moved address in the last year (E&W Census 2011)	Census 2011 (2011)
Population (Migration)	People who have moved address in the last year (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Resident in UK: Less than 2 years (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Resident in UK: 2 years or more but less than 5 years (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Migration)	Resident in UK: 5 years or more but less than 10 years (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Resident in UK: 10 years or more (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	No passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	United Kingdom passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Republic of Ireland passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	EU passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Non-EU passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	African passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Middle East and Asian passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Migration)	North American or Caribbean passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Antarctica and Oceania passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	British Overseas Territories passport (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	National Insurance numbers issued to non-UK nationals	Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) (2011)
Population (Migration)	No People in Household have English as a Main Language	Census 2021
Population (Migration)	At Least One Person in Household (Aged 16+) Has English as a Main Language	Census 2021
Population (Migration)	No Adults, but One Person Aged 3-15 Has English as a Main Language	Census 2021
Population (Migration)	Main language is not English: Can speak English very well (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Main language is not English: Can speak English well (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)

Theme	Data	Data source / time period
Population (Migration)	Main language is not English: Cannot speak English well (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)
Population (Migration)	Main language is not English: Cannot speak English (Census 2021)	Census 2021 (2021)